#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

MALIK BOWERS : CIVIL ACTION

Petitioner

: NO.. 2:13-cv-05550-BMS

MICHAEL WENEROWICZ, et al. :

v.

Respondents : (Habeas Corpus)

## MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2254 FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Petitioner, Malik Bowers, by his attorney Barnaby C. Wittels, Esquire, respectfully moves the Court for an order granting him an additional 60 days to file a memorandum in support of his Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus, for the following reasons:

- Petitioner has filed contemporaneously with this motion a timely, first petition under 28
   U.S.C. § 2254 for a writ of habeas corpus.
- 2. Petitioner has just recently completed state court exhaustion of his grounds for relief, with the final order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania denying allowance of appeal on his PCRA appeal on September 12, 2013.
- 3. For the reasons recited in the Petition, pp. 17-18, there remained as of September 12, 2013 only 19 days on the AEDPA statute of limitations for this first habeas.
- 4. Because of this very short filing window and given counsel's pre-existing briefing obligations and other commitments it has not been possible to complete the preparation of a memorandum of law to file simultaneously with the Petition.
- 5. The interests of justice will be best served by an adequate briefing of Petitioner's grounds for relief, and brief extension of time requested will not prejudice the respondents or unduly delay

these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Honorable Court grant an additional 60 days to file a memorandum of law in support of his Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

/s/bcw 2379

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am this day serving a copy of the within Motion for Extension of Time to File Memorandum in Support of Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, upon the following person at the address indicated below, by first class mail:

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AND NOW, this	day of		, 2013, upon consideration of
Petitioner's Motion for Extensi	on of Time to l	File Memor	randum in Support of Petition Under 28
U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habe	as Corpus, it is	hereby OR	DERED that said motion is GRANTED.
Petitioner may file a brief in sup	pport of the Pet	ition withir	60 days of the date of this Order.
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